

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

ATTENTION: Assistant to the DD/I (NSC)

SUBJECT: Comments on Draft of 3 October 1955, "Statement of
CIA Position Concerning Exchanges of Documentary
Materials and Exhibits with the USSR"

1. CRR is in substantial agreement with the points developed in the subject draft statement for the CIA position on the exchange of documentary materials with the USSR.

2. It is recommended that the following be added as a second sentence to paragraph 6d: "An exception to this general principle would be back issues of selected economic journals which have been denied to the United States."

3. It is pointed out with regard to paragraph 7 that such statistical information would provide the most important possible gain for economic intelligence. The release of statistical information comparable to that which was made available by the Soviets in the early and middle 1930's would be useful on a "one-shot" basis if put into bargaining arrangement on specific subject exchanges. However, it would have been much more useful if the Soviets could be encouraged to release such data either to the U. S. or to the economic organs of the United Nations on a continuing basis.

4. Concerning paragraph 8 on patents, it is suggested that the following new sentence be added prior to the final statement to read: "In a related field, the receipt of Soviet gost standards would also be of intelligence value."

5. Paragraph 9, second sentence, states that "it may be possible through semi-overt methods to obtain technical data and markings of some importance." It is pointed out that maximum access for markings collection is desirable since the experience of this Office has proven that such collection is usually possible at exhibits when efforts are targeted to this end.

6. It is felt that the following paragraph should be added to the paper:

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NO CHANGE IN CLASS.
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Maps: Some official large-scale maps and charts of limited areas of the United States and its possessions are classified and therefore denied to the Soviets. The majority of the large-scale maps of these areas are unclassified and available to the public. Only recently have efforts been made to restrict the availability of these unclassified maps to the Soviets, particularly when Soviet attempts to procure them from government and commercial sources has aroused suspicion. In contrast, all large-scale maps published by the Soviets are considered by them as secret. An exchange of maps and charts between the Soviets and the U. S. could provide tremendous informational gains as well as indicate the status of their mapping and the degree of withholding of certain types of information by map category and scale.

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